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ELECTION OF NINE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION TO REPLACE THOSE WHOSE TERMS WILL EXPIRE ON 19 JANUARY 1998, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 8 OF THE CONVENTION

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In pursuance of article 8, paragraph 4, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention will be convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters on 14 January 1998 to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 19 January 1998 (see annex I). The names of the other nine members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 19 January 2000 appear in annex II.

2. In accordance with article 8, paragraph 3, of the Convention, the Secretary-General in a note verbale dated 30 September 1997 invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of nine members of the Committee within two months. Listed below in alphabetical order are the nominees, with the States parties which have proposed them indicated in parenthesis.

Mr. Mahmoud ABOUL-NASR	(Egypt)
Mr. Hamzat AHMADU	(Nigeria)
Mr. Michael BANTON	(United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
Mr. Joseph BELIBI	(Cameroon)
Mr. Andrew CHIGOVERA	(Zimbabwe)
Mr. Abdelhaq EL MKINSI	(Morocco)

Mr. Maurice GLELE AHANHANZO	(Benin)
Mr. Régis de GOUTTES	(France)
Mr. Carlos LECHUGA HEVIA	(Cuba)
Ms. Caridad JUNIO	(Philippines)
Ms. Polonca KONCAR	(Slovenia)
Ms. Gay McDOUGALL	(United States of America)
Mr. Peter NOBEL	(Sweden)
Mr. Agha SHAHI	(Pakistan)
Mr. Oleg SHAMSHUR	(Ukraine)
Mr. Michael SHERIFIS	(Cyprus)
Mr. Rüdiger WOLFRUM	(Germany)

3. Biographical data of the nominees, as furnished by the States parties concerned, are contained in annex III. Any further nominations and biographical data which may be received by the Secretary-General will be brought to the attention of the States parties in addenda to the present document.

ANNEX I

The nine members of the Committee whose term expires on 19 January 1998

Mr. Mamoud ABOUL-NASR	(Egypt)
Mr. Hamzat AHMADU	(Nigeria)
Mr. Michael Parker BANTON	(United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
Mr. Andrew CHIGOVERA	(Zimbabwe)
Mr. Régis de GOUTTES	(France)
Mr. Carlos LECHUGA HEVIA	(Cuba)
Mr. Agha SHAHI	(Pakistan)
Mr. Michael E. SHERIFIS	(Cyprus)
Mr. Rüdiger WOLFRUM	(Germany)

ANNEX II

List of the other nine members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 19 January 2000

Mr. Thedoor van BOVEN	(Netherlands)
Mr. Ion DIACONU	(Romania)
Mr. Eduardo FERRERO COSTA	(Peru)
Mr. Ivan GARVALOV	(Bulgaria)
Mr. Yuri A. RECHETOV	(Russian Federation)
Mrs. Shanti SADIQ ALI	(India)
Mr. Luis VALENCIA RODRIGUEZ	(Ecuador)
Mr. Mario Jorge YUTZIS	(Argentina)
Mrs. ZOU Deci	(China)

ANNEX III

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA OF THE NOMINEES

Mahmoud ABOUL-NASR (Egypt)

Born in Cairo, Egypt, 23 June 1931

Licencie en droit of the Faculty of Law of Cairo University, 1952

Postgraduate studies in International Law at the University of Paris, 1953-1954

Member of the Egyptian Bar Association, 1952

1955-1961	Served in the Egyptian Embassies in France, Italy and Albania
1964-1968	Member of the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations in New York. Represented Egypt during this period in the Sixth and Third Committees.
1969-1976	Elected for the first time as a member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
1968-1970	Head of the Human Rights Section in the National Organization Department of the Egyptian Foreign Ministry. Represented Egypt in the Committee on Human Rights of the League of Arab States
1970-1974	Member of the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations Office at Geneva. During this period attended many meetings and conferences including the diplomatic conference on the reaffirmation and development of the international humanitarian law applicable in armed conflicts
1974-1976	Director of the International Organization Department in the Egyptian Foreign Ministry. Represented Egypt in many international and regional meetings and conferences including those of the Non-Aligned, the Organization of African Unity and the Organization of the Islamic Conference
1976-1983	Seconded to the Government of Oman and served during this period as its Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York
1984-1985	Returned to the Egyptian Foreign Ministry and was named Director of the International Organization Department
1986-1990	Ambassador of Egypt to Spain

1990-1991	Assistant Foreign Minister for Arab Affairs and Permanent Representative of Egypt to the League of Arab States
1991	Member of the Egyptian delegation to the Middle East Peace Conference in Madrid
1992-Present	Representative of the League of Arab States to the United Nations in New York
Languages:	Arabic, English and French
Decorations:	Order of Merit, First Class (Egypt) Order of Noman, First Class (Oman) Order of Isabela Catolica (Spain)

Hamzat AHMADU (Nigeria)

Traditional title:	Wali of Sokoto
Date of birth:	15 August 1930
Place of birth:	Gwadabawa, Gwadabawa Local Government Area, Sokoto State of Nigeria

Education:

1947-1949	School of Arabic Studies, Kano (now Abdullahi Bayero University, Kano)
1949-1950	Administrative Training College (now Institute of Administration, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria)
April-July 1952	Man O'War Bay: Youth Leadership Training in the Cameroon
1954-1957	Balham and Tooting College of Commerce, London (now South-Western College of Technology) (External Student, London University)
1959-1960	Queen's College - Oxford University, England
July 1990	Awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws by City University, Los Angeles

Career:

Date of first appointment - 7 April 1950, with the former Administrative Service of the Government of Nigeria

1950	Served in the Secretariat, Northern Nigeria, Kaduna
1953-1954	Served in the former Northern House of Assembly
1957-1959	Private Secretary to the Premier of Northern Nigeria, Alhaji Sir Ahmadu Bello, Sardauna of Sokoto
1960	Transferred to the Federal Government Service in the Prime Minister's Office (Foreign Affairs Branch)
1960-1961	Posted to Nigerian High Commission, London
1961-1964	Posted to Nigerian Embassy in Bonn, Federal Republic of Germany, as Second and later First Secretary and Counsellor
1964-1965	Transferred to Headquarters, Ministry of External Affairs, as Head of Consular and Treaties Department

Career: (continued)

1965-1966	Head Asia Department, Ministry of External Affairs and Officer on Special Duties on the Conduct and Operation of Muslim Pilgrimage to Mecca
1966-1975	Seconded to State House (Presidential Palace 1) Administrative Secretary to the Head of the Federal Military Government's, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces
1975-1978	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Soviet Union and German Democratic Republic
1978-1981	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Kingdom of the Netherlands
Sept. 1981-April 1982	Director, Protocol and National Assembly Liaison, Ministry of External Affairs, Lagos
April 1982-1984	Appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the United Republic of Cameroon
April 1984	Appointed Director-General (African Affairs), Ministry of External Affairs
1984-1986	Director-General, African Affairs Directorate, Ministry of External Affairs
1986-1987	Permanent Secretary and Head of the Nigerian Diplomatic Service, Ministry of External Affairs
1987-1991	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the United States of America, Washington, D.C.
1991-	Retired from diplomatic service
1991-	Chairman, Board of Directors, A.G. Leventis (Nigeria) PLC
1992-	Chancellor, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Anambra State, Nigeria
1992-1994	Chairman, Board of Governors, Sokoto State Polytechnic Talata, Mafara, Sokoto State, Nigeria
1993-	Chairman, Board of Directors, Gamji Bank of Nigeria PLC
1994-	Chairman, Board of Governors, Shehu Shagari College of Education, Sokoto, Sokoto State, Nigeria

Experience:

1969-1975	Member of the Nigerian delegations to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Conference in London; the Heads of State and Government Conference of the OAU (Sixth to Twelfth Ordinary Sessions), the OAU Goodwill Mission of the Heads of State on the Arab-Israeli dispute which twice visited Israel and Egypt; and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Conference in Ottawa, Canada
November 1977	Member of the Nigerian delegation to the Thirty-second session of the United Nations General Assembly and Nigerian Delegate on the Second Committee
July 1984	Member of the Nigerian delegation to the Council of Ministers and Heads of State and Government of the OAU, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
1985	Member of the Nigerian delegation to the Council of Ministers and Heads of State and Government of the OAU in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
1986 to date	Member of the Nigerian delegation to the Forty-second session of the United Nations General Assembly; Elected Independent Expert Member of the United Nations Committee against Racial Discrimination; re-elected in December 1989. Organized and participated as a delegate to many State visits including to the United Kingdom, USSR, China, Ethiopia, etc. and Conferences of Heads of State and Government within and outside Nigeria. Travelled widely within Nigeria and many countries on State visits and conferences and on special assignments. Took part as an official in many negotiations both at the summit and at the official levels.
Decorations:	Awarded decorations of the following countries: Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia, Central African Republic, Senegal, Benin, Togo, Niger, Mauritania, Guinea, Cameroon, Chad and the Gambia.
Foreign languages spoken:	English, Arabic, German and elementary French

Michael Parker BANTON (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Born 8 September 1926. Married, four children (one deceased). Professor of Sociology in the University of Bristol 1965-1992, and Pro-Vice-Chancellor, 1985-1988. Director of the Social Science Research Council Research Unit on Ethnic Relations, at Bristol, 1970-1978. Previously Reader in Social Anthropology in the University of Edinburgh.

BSc Econ (London, 1950), PhD (Edinburgh, 1954), DSc (Edinburgh) 1964.

President of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland 1987-1989. President of the Sociology Section (1970-1971) and the Anthropology Section (1985-1986) of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. President of the Ethnic, Race and Minority Relations Section of the International Sociological Association, 1990-1994.

Justice of the Peace, Bristol, since 1966. Member of the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure, 1978-1981; the Royal Commission on Civil Disorders in Bermuda, 1978; the Ethnic Minorities Advisory Committee of the Judicial Studies Board, 1993-1996; the United Kingdom National Commission for UNESCO from 1963-1965 and 1980-1985; and the South Western Regional Hospital Board from 1966-1970.

Visiting professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1962-1963), Wayne State University, Detroit (1971), University of Delaware (1976), Australian National University (1981) and Duke University, North Carolina (1982). In 1972 he was elected a foreign member of the Vetenskapssocietet of Lund, Sweden.

Author of the following books, The Coloured Quarter (1955), West African City (1957), White and Coloured (1959), The Policeman in the Community (1964), Roles (1965), Race Relations (1967), the Race Concept (with J. Harwood, 1975), The Idea of Race (1977), Racial and Ethnic Competition (1983), Promoting Racial Harmony (1985), Investigating Robbery (1985), Racial Theories (1987), Racial Consciousness (1988), Discrimination (1994), International Action Against Racial Discrimination (1996).

Member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination since 1986, having been re-elected in 1990 and 1994. The Committee elected him as its Rapporteur for 1990-1996 and its Chairman for 1996-1998.

Joseph BELIBI (Cameroon)

Civil status

Date of birth: 27 November 1943

Nationality: Cameroonian

Marital status: Married

Education

Baccalaureate (Lycée Leclerc), June 1963;

University of Yaoundé, Faculty of Law and Economic Sciences;
Degree in private law, June 1967;

Yaoundé National College of Administration and Magistrature, 1966;
ENAM diploma.

International Institute of Public Administration, Paris, 1967-1968, diploma.
International Development Law Institute, Rome, February 1985, diploma.

Professional activities

December 1968, Judge of the Bafoussam Court of First Instance;

August 1969, General Deputy in the Government Procurator's Office attached to the Dschang Court of Appeal;

August 1971, Assistant in the Garoua Government Procurator's Office;

October 1972, President of the Mokolo Court of First Instance;

April 1974, President of the Nkongaamba Court of First Instance;

July 1977-August 1978, Deputy Director for Legal Affairs and Administration in the Ministry of Justice;

August 1978-September 1982, Procurator-General, Garoua Court of Appeal;

September 1982, Deputy Director responsible for legislation, Ministry of Justice;

September 1986, Advocate General attached to the Government Procurator's Office of the Supreme Court;

Seminar on the drafting of periodic reports for submission to various United Nations committees responsible for the protection of human rights;
August 1988, Counsellor at the Supreme Court;

Since August 1989 to the present, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Justice;

Member of the International Institute of Law of the French-Speaking Countries; September 1990, Member of the Public Freedoms Commission, having prepared Cameroon's present liberal legislation;

October 1991, Member of the Yaoundé Tripartite Conference;

1992 to present, Member of the National Communication Council;

1993 to present, President of the Board of Governors of CAMAIR;

Visiting professor at the National College of Administration and Magistrature since 1984;

Justice, First group, index 1400.

Honorary distinctions

Chevalier of the National Order of Valour;

Officer of the National Order of Valour.

Other activities

1983, Member of the Cameroonian delegation to Addis Ababa during the negotiation of the treaty establishing the Economic Community of Central African States;

Chairman of the African Intellectual Property Organization's think-tank when it examined its financial crisis;

1992, Member of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference on Human Rights, Geneva;

Member of several Cameroonian delegations to the Central African Customs and Economic Union summit and the Congress of the International Institute of Law of the French-Speaking Countries, participating in work connected with the harmonization of business law;

Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders at Milan, concentrating on human rights, 12-27 August 1985; International Conference at Amnesty International's offices in New York, November 1985;

Seminar organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research at Dakar, 26 September to 15 October 1986;

Preparation of Cameroon's initial report on the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, June 1989;

The Criminal Law Reform Society's international conference held in Washington in January 1990;

The "Peace through Law" international conference, April 1990, Beijing;

1991: Member of the delegation to the African Seminar on international human rights standards and the administration of justice (Cairo, 8 to 12 July 1990);

Preparatory Committee for the World Conference on Human Rights, Geneva, 30 March to 10 April 1992;

1993-1994: Member of the Cameroonian delegation to the United Nations Human Rights Committee's New York session, 30 and 31 March 1994;
Vice-Chairman of the Criminal Law Reform Society in Cameroon, dealing with human rights;

Chairman of the National Commission for the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa.

Mr. Joseph BELIBI contributes regularly to the preparation of periodic reports on human rights for submission to the United Nations.

Languages spoken

French and English.

Andrew CHIGOVERA (Zimbabwe)

Date of birth: 7 March 1953

Place of Birth: Chirumanzu, Mvuma, Zimbabwe

Marital status: Married, with three children

Educational background: University of Zambia, 1973-1977, LL.B.

Law Practice Institute of Zambia, 1977-1978 - Postgraduate Diploma (Bar Examinations)

University of Texas, Dallas, 1985 - Postgraduate Diploma in International and Comparative Law.

King's College, London 1991-1992 - LL.M. Specializing in International Business Law.

Other training includes:

Crown Agents Training Centre (Course on Crime Prevention, 1989) and UNITAR (Course on International Law, 1991).

Professional qualifications: Advocate of the High Court of Zambia

Legal Practitioner of the High Court of Zimbabwe.

Career:

1989 to present	- Deputy Attorney-General
1987-1989	- Acting Attorney-General
1984-1987	- Director of Public Prosecutions, Office of the Attorney-General
1982-1984	- Chief Law Officer, Office of the Attorney-General
1980-1982	- Registrar of Appellate and General Division of the High Court of Zimbabwe
1979-1980	- Partner in Forrest Price & Co. (Law firm), Kitwe, Zambia
1977-1979	- Professional Assistant, Ellis & Co. (Law firm), Kitwe, Zambia
1975-1977	- Legal Assistant, Martin & Co. (Law firm), Lusaka, Zambia.

Professional societies:	Alumni International Association
	Law Association of Zambia
	Law Society of Zimbabwe
	Chief National Correspondent for the United Nations Crime Prevention Unit
	Regional Programme Leader for the Institute of International Arbitration.
Other activities:	Chairperson for a number of international meetings, including rapporteur for expert preparatory meeting for the Eighth United Nations Congress on Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders.
	Resource person in crime prevention, corruption prevention, combat against organized international crime, drug trafficking, mutual assistance in criminal matters, trade supervision, transfer pricing and international trade at international symposia held in both Zimbabwe and the United Kingdom.
	Resource person for the United National Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), seminars and workshops on the legal aspects of debt management, held in Zimbabwe and Zambia (October 1993).
	Member of the Judicial Service Commission from 1987 to 1989, responsible for recommending and approving appointments to judicial and top professional legal offices.
	Member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, 1994-1998, Rapporteur of the Committee, 1996-1998.
	Member of the United Nations Secretary-General's Investigative Mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, 1997.
Publications:	Legal Problems of Land Development in Zambia (dissertation presented to the University of Zambia Law Faculty as partial fulfilment of the LL.B. degree course)
	Legal Assistant in Zimbabwe (paper presented at the Inter-American Legal Services Association Conference in San José, Costa Rica, 1981)

Planning for Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in the Context of Development (paper presented to the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders (UNAFRI) Seminar, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 1987)

Crime Prevention and Alternatives to Imprisonment (paper presented to the United Nations Interregional Preparatory Meeting for the Eighth Congress, Vienna, Austria, 1988).

Abdelhaq EL MKINSI (Morocco)

Date and place of birth: 13 December 1942, Rabat

Marital status: Married, 4 children

University diplomas

Diploma from the Moroccan Institute of Advanced Studies, 1961 (equivalent to a Bachelor of Arts degree).

Degree in Law (Legal Sciences) 1964.

Certificate of Advanced Studies in Civil Law.

Certificate of Advanced Studies in Business Law.

Admission to the Magistracy Examination, 1965.

Assistant Lecturer in the Faculty of Law.

Professional experience

Ministry of Justice:

From 1 August 1960 to 19 May 1964, sworn legal interpreter

Ministry of Youth and Sports:

From 16 May 1964 to 21 February 1966:

Chief, Division of General Culture.

Inspector-General.

Secretary-General of the committees of the National Council of Youth and Sports

National Railways Office:

From 21 February 1966:

Chief engineer.

Legal adviser.

Inspector-General of the Hotel Chain.

Administrator of the following companies:

The DIAFA hotel company.

No. 1 housing estate for young persons (a property company).

No. 2 housing estate for young persons (a property company).

SOC ICA.
A printing and publishing company at Tangiers.

The "Carré" Moroccan rapid transport company.

Legal adviser with the SCIF company.

Parliamentary activities

From 8 October 1984 to 8 October 1992:

Deputy for Rabat.

Chairman of the Rabat Prefectural Council.

Chairman of the Parliamentary Justice, Legislation and Civil Service Commission.

Rapporteur of the Parliamentary Commission for Internal Affairs.

From 26 October 1992 to 15 June 1995:

Chairman of the Rabat/Youssoufia Municipal Council.

First Vice-President of the Rabat urban community.

From 17 April 1995 to 30 April 1997 Principal Private Secretary to the Minister for Human Rights.

At present: from 1 May 1997 Principal Private Secretary to the Minister of Justice.

Cultural, sports, social and economic activities

1957: Founder and Counsellor of the Students' Association.

1958: Holiday camp training course.

1959: Mental training course.

1962: Founder and counsellor of the NIBRASS AL MOJTAMA Association.

1965: Founder and Secretary-General of the Central Committee of the Youth and Society Association.

1968: Chairman of the Railwaymen's Association.

1969: Chairman of the Basketball Section, Moroccan Stadium.

1973: Chairman of USCM (Bowling Section).

1986: Chairman of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's Association of Clubs.

1987: Founding member of the Ribat al Fath Association.

1988: Chairman of the Management Committee of the Moroccan Stadium Club (and its subordinate bodies)

Moroccan representative to the Arbitration Commission (International Transport).

Participation in all local community seminars.

Participation in the preparation of various development plans.

Participation in the work of CNJA.

Member of the Arab Towns Organization.

Member of the World Federation of United and Twinned Towns.

Member of the Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities.

<u>Tourism activities</u>

Participation in various tourism congresses abroad.

Participation in various round tables, symposia and seminars in Morocco.

Author of statements on tourism in Parliament.

Member of the Parliamentary Tourism Commission.

Member of the Parliamentary Finance Commission (participated in the study and finalization of all investment codes and fiscal reform (TVA, IS, GR, TU, etc)).

Member of the International Hotel Association.

Maurice GLELE AHANHANZO (Benin)

Born in Benin in 1934, after classical secondary studies he is Senior Administrator of the National School for Overseas France.

State Doctor of Laws; Professor of Public Law and Political Science.

Has taught in the universities of Benin, Paris I and Dakar. Is the author of several works, including, Naissance d'un Etat Noir (Birth of a black State), Le Danxomé: du Pouvoir Adja à la Nation Fon (Danxomé: from Adja power to Fon nation, Religion, Culture et Politique en Afrique Noire (Religion, culture and politics in black Africa), and Introduction à l'Organisation de l'Unité Africaine et Organisations Régionales Africaines (Introduction to the Organization of African Unity and African regional organizations), and published numerous articles in specialized legal reviews. He was one of the drafters of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights; as Director of Research and Dissertation, he has been a member of numerous juries for dissertations on law, history and anthropology (Paris I and Dakar).

He is the co-author of several legal works on Africa.

He has been a UNESCO staff member:

Director, Cultural Studies and Policies Division;

Legal Adviser, Director of the Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs;

Promoted to the post of Assistant Director-General of UNESCO, Legal Adviser, in 1992.

He is currently a member of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Benin and President of the Institute for Human Rights and Promotion of Democracy: Everyday Democracy. Since 1993 he has been Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia and related intolerance. In this capacity, he has submitted several general reports to the Commission on Human Rights and General Assembly of the United Nations, and reports on the United States of America (1994), Brazil (1995), Germany (1995), France (1995), the United Kingdom (1995), Colombia (1996) and Kuwait (1996). In 1996 his mandate was renewed for three years.

Régis de GOUTTES (France)

Born on 26 October 1940 at Paleville (81 Tarn), France

Married, four children

STUDIES, DEGREES AND OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Law degree

Higher degrees in:

Private law;

Criminal science;

Comparative law (International Faculty for the Teaching of Comparative Law, Strasbourg)

Graduate, Political Science Institute (Toulouse)

National Judicial Training School (CNEJ) (finished top of class in December 1968)

Certificate of proficiency in Spanish, Toulouse Chamber of Commerce.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

(a) Judicial activities

1969-1972: Magistrate, Ministry of Justice

1972-1973: Deputy Attorney-General, Nouméa and later Versailles

1974-1978: Magistrate, Ministry of Justice

1978-1981: Legal Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Department of Legal Affairs)

1981-1983: Chief of Bureau (International and European Criminal Law), Ministry of Justice

1983: Assistant Director, Office of the Minister of Justice (Mr. Robert Badinter)

1984-1985: Deputy Director of Criminal Justice, Ministry of Justice

1985-1989: Assistant Director of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1990-1992: Advocate-General, Paris Court of Appeal (Chief, Department of Human Rights, Prevention and Judicial Protection of Juveniles, 1992, then delegated to the Court of Cassation)

Since 1993: Advocate-General, Court of Cassation (commercial division and, since 1996, criminal division)

(b) Non-judicial legal activities

Elected member, United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), since 1990

Elected member (1990-1993), Vice-Chairman (1994), then Chairman (1995-1996) of the European Steering Committee for Human Rights (Council of Europe)

Elected member, European Steering Committee on Criminal Problems (1985-1989)

Elected member, Board of Trustees, United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), Rome (1990-1994)

Member, French National Advisory Commission on Human Rights, since 1990

Member, International French-Language Legal Institute (IDEF)

Member, European Penal Research Association

OTHER ACTIVITIES - UNIVERSITY TEACHING

1976-1977: Lecturer on international criminal judicial cooperation, National School of Administration;

1981-1997: Lecturer, National Judicial Training School (initial training in Bordeaux and further training in Paris), on the European Convention on Human Rights, European and international judicial cooperation, the universal human rights monitoring bodies (United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination);

Lecturer on various human rights subjects at the Paris Bar Council, the Paris Court of Appeal, the Court of Cassation, the Universities of Rouen, Orléans, Montpellier and Paris, and the National Advisory Commission on Human Rights;

Under the auspices of the United Nations Centre for Human Rights (Geneva) gave several lectures on the international human rights conventions for African countries (training seminars in Abidjan and Lomé);

Senior lecturer, University of Paris I, for the DESS in humanitarian law and human rights (since 1995);

Senior lecturer, Institute for Advanced European Studies, Robert Schuman University, Strasbourg (DEA), comparative human rights law (since 1996).

WORKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Various articles and contributions (20 or so) to legal reviews or studies, notably in the sphere of human rights and European and international judicial cooperation:

Examples of articles:

1. "La Convention euopéenne des droits de l'homme et la justice française en 1992" (The European Convention on Human Rights and the French courts in 1992), published in Gazette du Palais, No. 66-67, 6-7 March 1992.

2. "La Convention euopéenne des droits de l'homme et le juge national: vers une consolidation de la mission et du statut du juge?" (The European Convention on Human Rights and French judges: towards a consolidation of the judge's task and status?), Gazette du Palais, No. 1-5, 15 January 1993).

3. "Variations sur l'espace judiciaire européen" (Variations on the European system of criminal law) and ""Vers un espace judiciare pénal pan-européen?" (Towards a pan-European system of criminal law?), in Dalloz, 1990, Chron. 245, and Dalloz, 1991, Chron. 154.

4. "Le Comité des Nations Unies pour l'élimination de la discrimination raciale" (The United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination), studies in Revue de science criminelle et de droit pénal comparé, July-September 1991, Revue générale de droit international public, No. 1, 1992, and Revue trimestrielle des droits de l'homme, Bruylant, No. 28, 1 October 1996.

5. "Le juge français et la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme: avancées et résistance" (French judges and the European Convention on Human Rights: progress and resistance), Revue trimestrielle des droits de l'homme, No. 24, 1995.

6. "La préparation des rapports français devant les organes mondiaux de protection des droits de l'homme" (The preparation of French reports to the world human rights protection bodies), Cahiers du CEDIN de Nanterre, 1990, Records of the symposium of 12-13 October 1989.

7. "Vers un droit pénal européen?" (Towards a European body of criminal law?), Revue de science criminelle et de droit pénal comparé, No. 4, 1993.

8. "A propos du Tribunal international pour les crimes de guerre commis depuis 1991 dans l'Ex-Yougoslavie", (Concerning the International Tribunal on war crimes committed since 1991 in the former Yugoslavia), Archives de politique criminelle, PEDON, 1994, etc.

Examples of contributions to studies

1. Joint study on the European Convention on Human Rights, published in 1995 (ECONOMICA) under the direction of Mr. Louis Edmond Pettiti, Mr. Emmanuel Decaux and Mr. Pierre-Henri Imbert (commentary on article 5, paragraph 2, of the European Convention on Human Rights, pp. 203 et seq.).

2. Study on French law and the European Convention on Human Rights from 1974 to 1992, published in 1994 (ENGEL) under the direction of Professor Frédéric Sudre (pp. 49 et seq.).

3. Liber Amicorum for Mr. Marc André Eissen (ed. Bruylant, Brussels, 1995, pp. 187 et seq.).

4. "Quelle Europe pour les droits de l'homme? La Cour de Strasbourg et la realisation d'une union plus étroite" (What Europe for Human Rights? The Court of Strasbourg and the realization of a closer union), Records of the CREDHO symposium of 11-12 May 1995, under the direction of Professor Paul Tavernier, published by Bruylant in 1996, pp. 217 et seq.

5. "Les nouveaux développements du procès équitable européen" (The new developments in European due process), Records of the Court of Cassation symposium of 22 March 1996, published with the University of Strasbourg by Bruylant in 1996.

6. Contribution to the Miscellany for Professor Georges Levasseur on criminal law and European law (From a European to a pan-European system of criminal law), LITEC, 1992.

7. Records of the symposium of 13 June 1997 on crimes against humanity, organized by the Court of Cassation and the French National Advisory Commission on Human Rights (awaiting publication).

Other relevant information

Decorations:

Officer of the National Order of Merit

Chevalier de l'Ordre national de la Légion d'Honneur

Médaille de l'Administration pénitentiaire

Carlos LECHUGA HEVIA (Cuba)

Born in Havana, on 28 February 1918. Worked as a journalist from 1937 and entered the diplomatic corps in 1959.

As a diplomat first held the post of Cuban Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary to the United Nations, New York, from February to July 1959.

On 18 July 1959, appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Cuba to Chile.

On 28 December 1959, appointed Ambassador on Special Mission in Latin America.

On 2 March 1960, took up post of Permanent Representative of Cuba to the Council of the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Inter-American Economic and Social Council in Washington. Participated as Adviser to the Cuban delegation in the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth consultative meetings of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Latin American Republics. Headed the Cuban delegation at the Special Meeting of High-Level Representatives to strengthen the Inter-American Economic and Social Council.

In February 1962, appointed Director, Department of International Organizations, in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

On 12 April 1962, appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Mexico.

In late 1962, during the "missile crisis", transferred to New York as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations and later headed the Cuban delegation to the eighteenth session of the General Assembly.

On 29 July 1964, appointed Chairman of the Cuban National Cultural Council and, as such, member of the Council of Ministers.

Participated in official special missions in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East.

Held the post of Political Director for Africa, Asia and Latin America in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In January 1970, appointed Cuban General Commissioner at the World Fair in Osaka, Japan.

From 22 January 1971 until 1978, served in Geneva as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations and Specialized Agencies based in Switzerland.

Among other functions, led the Cuban delegations to the Diplomatic Conference on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law applicable in Armed Conflicts in 1974, 1975 and 1977, the GATT Ministerial Meeting held in Tokyo from 2 to 14 October 1973, and the Conference of Developing Countries on Raw Materials held in Dakar from 3 to 8 February 1975.

Member of the Group of Three set up to consider the reports of States parties on the implementation of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid.

Represented the Governmental Group of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organization (ILO) in the Governing Board of the International Institute for Labour Studies and served as head of the Cuban delegation to ILO Conferences.

Member of the Cuban delegations to the third, fourth and fifth United Nations Conferences on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

Coordinator of the Group of 77 during the fifth Conference in Manila, and the seventh Conference in Geneva.

Delegate to the seventh special session and the thirty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Representative of Cuba at several sessions of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

Elected Vice-Chairman of the Commission at the 1976 session.

In 1978, appointed Director, Department of International Organizations, in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Selected as a member of the United Nations Group of Intergovernmental Experts on Institutional Arrangements relating to Disarmament.

Member of the delegation to the Conference on Disarmament which attended the destruction of medium-range nuclear weapons at Volgograd, USSR.

Member, in a personal capacity, of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Studies, which advised the Secretary-General of the United Nations on two occasions, from 1980 to 1981 and from 1984 to 1989.

Also participated as delegate of Cuba to the 1973 and 1977 International Sugar Conferences and various meetings of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, and was Secretary of the Political Committee of the Sixth Non-Aligned Summit Conference held in Havana and delegate to the Non-Aligned Summit in Colombo in 1976. Also participated in the meeting of the Council of the Latin American Economic System (SELA) in Caracas, Venezuela.

Delegate to the fourteenth, thirty-fourth, thirty-fifth and fortieth sessions of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

Elected Vice-Chairman of the First Committee of the General Assembly in 1985 at the fortieth session; member of the Trade and Development Board of UNCTAD.

Led a delegation of representatives of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries to observe the damage caused by a surprise attack by the Israeli air force on Beirut in August 1981.

In 1982, as Head of the Cuban delegation, presided over a meeting of coordinating countries of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, based in UNESCO, Paris, in preparation for the World Conference on Cultural Policy.

Served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Cuba to Portugal from 1981 to 1983.

From 1984 to 1989, again served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations Office and Specialized Agencies based in Switzerland.

Chaired the Conference on Disarmament in 1986.

In 1986 elected Chairman of the Committee on Radiological Weapons.

Has been coordinator of the Latin American Group in Geneva on two occasions.

Served as coordinator of the Group of 21 in the Conference on Disarmament.

In September 1989 headed the Cuban observer delegation on the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Cambodia.

In January 1990 elected member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination set up under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, and re-elected in 1994. During this period he was elected Vice-Chairman.

Published works: Itinerario de una farsa (Itinerary of a Farce), Critics' Prize in 1992, and En el Ojo de la Tormenta (In the Eye of the Storm).

Caridad JUNIO (Philippines)

Born: 28 February 1954

Education

University of the East
1970-1974
Bachelor of Arts (Major in English)

* Grand Lady Chancellor - Mu Alpha Phi Sorority 1972-1973

University of the East
1974-1978
Bachelor of Laws

* Most Noble Lady - Tau Lambda Kappa Sorority 1976-1977/1977-1978

Work experience

State Prosecutor, Department of Justice, since 1987

* Lone DOJ representative,
"Human Rights - What Do We Have in Common? An ASEAN-European Value Discussion", Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Educational Foundation,
13-14 October 1997, Mandaluyong City

* Lone DOJ Delegate
"A Gathering for Human and Ecological Security: a Conference on Population, Environment and Peace", 15-17 June 1995, Manila

* Lone DOJ Delegate
Seminar for Trainers on Military Justice System Human Rights (Phase IV), Trainers' Course on Human Rights, International Humanitarian Law and Military Justice System, 27 March - 7 April 1995, JAGO-AFP Fort Bonifacio

* DOJ Delegate
First Human Rights Workshop, International Bar Association,
27-28 June 1994, Pasay City

* DOJ Delegate
ASEAN Study/Workshop on Conspiracy and Investigation of Illegally Acquired Assets of Drug Traffickers, 9-29 February 1988, Manila

Trial Attorney II, Department of Agrarian Reform, 1984-1987

Associate
Vicente Millora Law Office
St. Francis Cond., Cor., Potsdam Street
Aurora Boulevard, Cubao, Quezon City

Associate
Serafin P. Rivera Law Office
L & L Building, 855 EDSA Quezon City
Faculty member
Faculty of Accountancy & Law
Polytechnic University of the Philippines
1980-1981

Author of numerous published editorials and feature articles.

Affiliations

A list of membership in numerous organizations and associations can be consulted in the files of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Polona KONČAR (Slovenia)

Birthdate: 1 June 1947

Birthplace: Ljubljana, Slovenia

Marital status: Married

Position: Professor of Labour Law and International Labour Law
University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law
Kongresni trg 12, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

Education

1966-1970: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law

1973: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law, Master's Degree

1978: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law, Ph.D.

1969, 1970: Faculté Internationale pour l'Enseignement du Droit Comparé du Strasbourg - 1er, 2e Cycle de l'Ecole Internationale de Droit du Travail Comparé, Trieste

1972-1973: Doctorat de Spécialité - 3e Cycle - Sciences Sociales du Travail, Université Paris I (Scholarship of the French Government)

Foreign languages

Speak: English, French
Read: German, Italian, Spanish

Professional experience

1970-1971: Research assistant, Institute of Labour by the Faculty of Law, Llubljana

1971-1978: Assistant, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law

1979-1984: Assistant professor, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law

1985-1990: Associate professor, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law

1990-: Full professor, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law

Specialization within the major discipline "Law"

Labour law, social security, international and European labour law

Administrative experience and other recent activities

1991-1993: Vice-Dean, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law

1993-1995: Dean, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law

1990-1993: Council for the Protection of Human Rights and Freedoms, member elected by the Parliament of Republic of Slovenia

1982-1994: Governmental Commission for the Cooperation with the ILO, member

1995-: Governmental Working Commission for the Examination of the International Law Aspects of Human Rights

Membership in domestic and international associations

1994-: Slovene Association for Labour Law and Social Security, president

1993-: Executive Committee of the International Society for Labour Law and Social Security, Geneva, member

1990-: International Law Association, member

Gay J. McDOUGALL (United States of America)

Employment

September 1994 to present
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - International Human Rights Law Group, Washington, D.C.

January to June 1994
COMMISSIONER - Independent Electoral Commission of South Africa.

1980 to 1994
DIRECTOR - Southern Africa Project of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Washington, D.C.

1984
CONSULTANT - under contract to United Nations Council for Namibia. Advised Council on the enforceability, in United States courts, of its Decree No. 1.

1979 through 1980
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL - Office of the Deputy Mayor for Criminal Justice, New York City.

1977
STAFF ATTORNEY - New York City Board of Corrections, Minimum Standards Unit.

1975 through 1976
GENERAL COUNSEL - National Conference of Black Lawyers, New York City.

1972 to 1974
ASSOCIATE - Debevoise, Plimpton, Lyons and Gates, New York City.

1971
LEGAL CLERK - Cravath, Swaine and Moore, New York City.

Professional experience

- Direct and supervise the Law Group staff of over 100 employees engaged in human rights litigation, advocacy and training activities in Asia, Africa, Latin America and eastern Europe.

- Direct the four components of the Law Group's programme: the Empowerment Project, which seeks to train, collaborate with and empower grass-roots human rights advocates in developing countries; the Rule of Law Program, which provides technical assistance to strengthen legal systems in developing countries and emerging democracies to enforce human rights; the International Advocacy Project, which works to strengthen United States and international mechanisms for redressing human rights abuses, and seeks to focus international attention on human rights and development; and the Women's Rights Advocacy Project, which works to promote women's human rights through legal and political initiatives in the United Nations and regional human rights systems.

- Served as the only American among 5 international members of South Africa's 16-member Independent Electoral Commission, which organized and administered that country's first democratic, non-racial elections in 1994.

- Serves as Expert Member (alternate) of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights' Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

- Served as Human Rights Adviser to the United States delegation to the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women Global Preparatory Committee.

- Advised and provided analyses of comparative legal systems to negotiators involved in the development of a new South African constitution.

- Served on Advisory Panel to the Constitutional Commission of Eritrea.

- Testified frequently before Congressional committees and United Nations bodies.

- Organized and directed the defence of thousands of political prisoners and detainees in South Africa and Namibia, raising more than $1.2 million annually from United States foundations, the United Nations (UN) and European donors to finance the programme of the Southern Africa Project.

- Organized six-part series of international conferences on constitutional options for a post-apartheid South Africa. The conferences, held in South Africa, focused on reorganizing the judiciary; adopting a bill of rights; developing affirmative action programmes; designing a nationwide public defender service; comparing institutional models for enforcing a constitutional guarantee of gender equality, and evaluating electoral systems.

- Coordinated nationwide campaigns to lobby the Congress and Executive Branch on matters related to United States foreign policy in southern Africa.

- Established the Commission on Independence for Namibia, a bipartisan group of 31 distinguished Americans that monitored the UN-supervised, year-long process leading to elections in Namibia. The Commission succeeded in compelling the modification of such critical legislation as the registration and election law, which, as drafted, threatened the fairness of the election process, analysed proposed provisions of the new Constitution; consulted with United Nations officials, the South African administration and civic leaders; published and distributed worldwide the only weekly reports on the transition process, and reported frequently to the United Nations Secretary-General.

- Recruited and coordinated the pro-bono services of attorneys from major corporate firms to handle or join as amici in human rights-related litigation in the United States courts.

- Recruited, and facilitated visits to South Africa of, prestigious members of the American judiciary and bar to serve as observers at important political trials.

- Lectured extensively on human rights and southern African issues in the United States at universities, law schools, national and international conferences sponsored by United Nations agencies, civic and professional organizations.

- Featured in guest appearances on numerous television and radio programmes.

Education

L.L.M., London School of Economics and Political Science; London, England. Focus: Public International Law (1978).

J.D., Yale Law School; New Haven, Connecticut (1972).

B.A., Bennington College; Bennington, Vermont (1969).

Bar admission

District of Columbia Bar (1994).

The United States Supreme Court (1979).

United States District Court, Southern District of New York (1977).

Court of Appeals of the State of New York (1974).

Publications

Annual series of briefing papers, newsletters and other publications analysing legal and political developments in South Africa and Namibia (1980-1994).

"Effects of the New World Order on the Third World: United Nations Peacekeeping in Africa". Proceedings. Eighty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law (1993).

"The Release of South Africa's Political Prisoners: Definitions and Expectations". Published by United Nations Centre against Apartheid (April 1990) and Journal of International and Comparative Law, Temple Law School.

"Anti-Apartheid Forces Are Gaining". Op-Ed in The Philadelphia Inquirer (30 January 1990).

"Unlocking Apartheid". Op-Ed in Dallas Times Herald (4 January 1990).

"Implementation of the Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986" in Sanctioning Apartheid (1990).

"The Recurrence of Hostilities in Namibia on the Eve of Implementation of Security Council resolution 435". Proceedings, Eighty-Third Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law (1989).

"Proposals for a New United Stated Policy Toward South Africa". Virginia Journal of International Law. Vol. 28, No. 4, p. 873 (Summer 1988).

"United Nations Mediation of Regional Crises: Namibia". Proceedings, Eightieth Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law, p. 145 (1986).

"International Law, Human Rights, and Namibian Independence". Human Rights Quarterly, Vol. 8, No. 3, p. 443 (1986).

Affiliations

A comprehensive list of membership on various boards, associations and other organizations can be consulted in the files of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Peter NOBEL (Sweden)

Born in Stockholm on 8 December 1931.

Family: Married; three sons.

Education: Jur.kand. (BL) at Uppsala University 1963. Studies at Trinity College, Cambridge, University of Göttingen and the Salzburg Seminar. Juris Doctor h.c., Uppsala University 1985.

Professional activities

- Practising lawyer as partner of the Law firm Chrysander, Uppsala 1963-1986.
- Notary Public in and for Uppsala 1966-1986.
- Appointed by the Government to be Sweden's first Ombudsman against Ethnic Discrimination 1986-1991.
- Secretary-General of the Swedish Red Cross 1991-1994.
- Assigned as an expert to public commissions like the Government's on arrest and custody in criminal cases (SOU 1977:50 and 1985:27), on the right to asylum in cases of rejection at the border (DsA 1985:4), the Parliaments 1988 against Racism and Xenophobia (SOU 1989:13-14) etc.
- Appointed by the Government as special investigator and to give guidance to the survivors and families of the victims after the shipwreck of M/S Estonia, 28 September 1994; report submitted (SOU 1996:189).
- Teaching, research, consultancy and published books and articles particularly on Human Rights, Minority Rights and the Law of Asylum.
- Travels and missions in Europe, Canada, USA, Mexico, Africa, Iran and the Middle East.

Other assignments

- Member of the social welfare committee of the municipality of Uppsala 1970-1976.
- Member of the Board of the Municipal Theater of Uppsala-Gävle 1976-1983.
- Board member of the Swedish Bar Association (Sveriges Advokatsamfund) 1970-1981.
- Member of the Organizing Committee for the Pan-African Refugee Conference in Arusha, Tanzania 1977-1979.
- Board member of the European Human Rights Foundation, mainly financed by the European Community, since 1980.

- Member of the Council of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, San Remo, 1988-1997.

- President of the organizing committee for the International Congress of Human Rights NGOs in Uppsala, 1991-1995.

- President of the Transnational Foundation for Peace and Future Research, Lund, 1994-1997.

- Member of the Ethical Committee of the Press (Pressens Opinionsnämnd) since 1995.

- Recently elected to the Board of Trustees, International Alert, London.

Agha SHAHI (Pakistan)

Present position: President of the Islamabad Council of World Affairs and member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination since 1978.

Experience:

1949-1951	Served in the Provincial Government of Sind.
1951	Appointed to the Foreign Service of Pakistan.
1951-1954	Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
1955-1958	Minister in the Embassy of Pakistan, Washington D.C.
1958-1961	Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations, New York.
1961	Promoted to the rank of Ambassador.
1961-1964	Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
1964-1967	Additional Foreign Secretary, Government of Pakistan.
1967-1972	Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations, New York.
1972-1973	Ambassador of Pakistan to the People's Republic of China.
1973-1977	Foreign Secretary (Permanent Under-Secretary), Government of Pakistan.
January 1978 to May 1980	Adviser for Foreign Affairs, Government of Pakistan.
May 1980 to February 1982	Minister for Foreign Affairs, Government of Pakistan.

Mr. Agha Shahi has served as Leader/Member of Pakistan delegations to many sessions of the United Nations General Assembly and other international conferences, such as the Bandung Conference (1955), the Non-Nuclear-Weapon States Conference (1968), the Islamic Summit Conference, the Havana Non-Aligned Summit Conference (1979), etc. He was the Chairman of the Islamic Foreign Ministers' Conference held in Islamabad in 1980 and Leader of the Pakistan Delegation to the World Conference on Human Rights held in Vienna in June 1993.

He has also served in various capacities on a number of United Nations organs and bodies, namely as member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) (1956-1962), Representative of Pakistan in the United Nations Security Council (1968-1969), Chairman of the

General Assembly's First Committee (1969), President of the UNDP Governing Council (1969), Chairman of the Pakistan delegation to the United Nations General Assembly (1977-1981), Chairman of the United Nations Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Studies (1979-1982), Chairman of the Board of Trustees, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) (1982).

He is active in public affairs and has participated in many international seminars since 1978.

His publications include Pakistan's Security and Foreign Policy (1988) and a number of articles on security, disarmament and humanitarian issues.

Oleg SHAMSHUR (Ukraine)

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

1978 - Graduated from Kiev State University (International relations)

1982 - Ph.D. (History), Kiev State University

1991 - Senior Research Fellow (Associate Professor), Academy of Sciences of Ukraine

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

1981-1984	Research fellow, Institute of Social and Economic Problems of Foreign Countries (ISEPFC), Ukrainian Academy of Sciences
1984-1989	Academic secretary (Director of Programmes), ISEPFC
1989-1992	Senior research fellow, ISEPFC
January-October 1992	Senior research fellow, Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IWEIR), Ukrainian Academy of Sciences
October 1992-June 1993	Leading research fellow, IWEIR
September 1992-March 1993	Visiting scholar, University College, London (Migration Research Unit)
June 1993-October 1996	Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva
Since October 1996	Deputy Chairman, State Committee for Nationalities and Migration of Ukraine, Chairman of the Board to hear appeals of rejected asylum-seekers

Member of the Commission on Citizenship with the President of Ukraine.

Alternate member of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (UN Commission on Human Rights).

Member of the Working Group of Intergovernmental Experts on Human Rights of Migrants (UN Commission on Human Rights).

Chairman, Centre for Migration and Social Studies, Institute of International Relations, Kyiv University.

Member of the European Association for the Advancement of Social Sciences.

Member of the scientific committee of the Euroconference on migration and multiculturalism (London School of Economics, 1995).

Author of about 50 scientific publications, including 3 books and 7 chapters in monographs on international migration, ethnic relations and international affairs.

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Books and monographs

- Theories of Ethnic Relations - Kyiv, 1987
- Golden Door of Immigration - Kyiv, 1987
- USA: State and Ethnic Relations - Kyiv, 1989

Chapters in monographs and articles

- Ethnic minorities and immigrants in the modern world - Kyiv, 1984
- Working class and nationalities question in the countries of Western Europe and North America - Kyiv, 1985
- Capitalist development of reservations' resources and situation of the American Indians - in: Ecology of American Indians and Eskimos, Moscow, 1988
- Ukraine in the context of new European migrations - in: International migration review (N.Y.), summer 1992
- Ukrainian emigration - in: Government express (Kyiv), July 1992
- A European case study: influences on migration - Ukraine and former Soviet States - lecture at Home Office Research and Statistics Department Seminar (London), 1992 (mimeo)
- Current crisis and migrations in the former USSR - in: Economic Developments in cooperation partner countries from a sectoral perspective (NATO Colloquium), Brussels, 1993
- New European States and their future development - in: Mass migrations in Europe. Implications in East and West, Vienna, 1993
- Multilingual education as a factor of inter-ethnic relations - in: Language Education for Intercultural Communication, Clevedon, 1993
- Changing migration landscape and policy responses in Eastern Europe. Paper presented at the Seminar "Emerging trends and major issues in migration and ethnic relations in Western and Eastern Europe", University of Warwick, November 1993
- Current ethnic and migration issues in the former USSR - in: Current issues in language and society (Clevedon), vol. 1, No. 1, 1994

- Security studies in Ukraine: research topics in progress - in: UNIDIR Newsletter (Geneva), No. 25, March/April 1994

- Ukrainian military doctrine and issues of arms control - in: The CIS: a first balance sheet, Geneva, PSIS, Occasional Papers, No. 1, 1994

- Ukrainian migration in transition - in: Innovation (Vienna), vol. 7, No. 2, 1994

- Migratory movements and migration regulation in the FSU States: Evolution and Perspectives. Paper presented at Euroconference on Migration and Multiculturalism (London School of Economics, 30 August-2 September 1995)

- Former Soviet Union - in: International migration in Central and Eastern Europe, Geneva, United Nations, 1997

- Brain drain - the emigration of scientists from relevant parts of the NIS, scientific report, ICCR, Vienna, April 1997

- Conference to address the problems of refugees, displaced persons, other forms of involuntary displacement and returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and relevant neighbouring States - in: International Migration Review (N.Y.), summer 1997

- Migration management in Ukraine: legislative and administrative challenges. Paper presented at the workshop "International experience of State migration administrative structures" (23-24 June 1997, Kyiv)

Knowledge of foreign languages: English, French, Russian

Michael E. SHERIFIS (Cyprus)

Ambassador Michael E. Sherifis, born in Famagusta, Cyprus, in 1937, has been a member of the diplomatic service of Cyprus since its establishment in 1961. He has led his country's delegations to numerous international conferences on humanitarian issues, as well as on political, economic and social affairs.

He is currently the Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus to Italy, non-resident Ambassador to Switzerland and San Marino, and High Commissioner to Malta.

From July 1989 to July 1993 he was the Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus to the United States of America, with concurrent accreditation (as non-resident Ambassador) to Canada, Jamaica, Bahamas, Brazil and Ecuador.

From April 1985 until July 1989 he was the Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus to the USSR, with concurrent accreditation to Finland, the German Democratic Republic, Czechoslovakia and the Polish People's Republic.

From January 1983 to April 1985 he was Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus to Yugoslavia and non-resident Ambassador to Algeria.

From December 1979 until January 1983 he was Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, with concurrent accreditation as Ambassador to Suriname and High Commissioner to Grenada.

From December 1975 until December 1979 he was Director of Human Rights and Political Affairs at the Foreign Ministry in Cyprus.

From January 1972 until December 1975 he was the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations Office at Geneva and to the Specialized Agencies in Switzerland.

Among his other assignments have been: Deputy Permanent Representative to the Council of Europe; member of the Cyprus Mission to the United Nations (from 1964 to 1970); Counsellor with the Embassies of Cyprus in Paris, Cairo and Washington; Consul-General in Alexandria and Consul in Greece.

He has university degrees in law, as well as in political and economic sciences.

He speaks Greek, French, English and Italian

He is currently an elected member of the Committee on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD) which he served twice as Vice-Chairman. He is actively involved in the work of the Committee and he has repeatedly chaired a number of its working groups.

Specifically, with reference to humanitarian issues, Ambassador Sherifis has held, among others, the following assignments:

(a) Leader of the delegation of Cyprus to the World Conference against Apartheid, held in Lagos in 1977;

(b) Deputy leader of the delegation of Cyprus to the Conference on Humanitarian Law Applicable in Armed Conflicts held in Geneva from 1974 to 1977, which resulted in the adoption of two Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions;

(c) Leader or deputy leader of the delegation of Cyprus to several sessions of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights;

(d) Representative of Cyprus to the Third (Humanitarian, Social and Cultural) Committee of the General Assembly in 1968, 1969, 1976, 1977, 1978 and 1979;

(e) He was a member of the Commonwealth Intergovernmental Group on the establishment of a new Global Humanitarian Order in 1994-1995, the report of which was adopted by the Commonwealth Summit meeting in New Zealand in September 1995;

(f) He is currently the Chairman of the Commonwealth Intergovernmental Group on Refugees and Displaced Persons, the report of which will be submitted to the next Commonwealth Summit.

He participated in numerous seminars and lectured extensively in American universities, think-tanks and Councils of Foreign Affairs on issues relating to Human Rights and International Relations.

Rüdiger WOLFRUM (Germany)

Born	Berlin, 13 December 1941
1964-1969	Study of Law at the Universities of Bonn and Tübingen
18 January 1969	First State Examination
1969-1973	Junior barrister
29 June 1973	Graduation, Dr. iur
14 September 1973	Second State Examination
From 1973	Assistant professorship, Institute of International Law, University of Bonn
1 August 1977- 31 July 1978	Research fellow at the Center for Oceans Law and Policy of the University of Virginia; scholarship from the German Research Foundation
July/August 1980 March/April 1981 March/April 1982	Participation at the Third United Nations Law of the Sea Conference (alternate) Representative of the German delegation and adviser to the Ministry of Economics
28 November 1980	Habilitation, venia legendi for national public and international public law
6 May 1982- 30 November 1982	Professor, Chair of national public and international public law, University of Mainz, Faculty of Law and Economics
2 December 1982- 30 April 1993	Professor, Chair of national public and international public law, University of Kiel, Law Faculty, Director of the Institute of International Law
June 1983- May 1988	Participation in the 4th Special Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting concerning Antarctic mineral resource activities, member of the German delegation and Chairman of the Legal Working Group (beginning in 1985)
August/ September 1983	Participation at the Preparatory Commission for the International Sea-Bed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (Delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany)

29 April 1986- 30 April 1993	Judge at the Court of Appeal for Administrative Matters for the States of Niedersachsen and Schleswig-Holstein; since 1991 judge at the Court of Appeals for Administrative Matters of the Land Schleswig-Holstein
August/ September 1987	Visiting professor at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Law School
January 1990	Election as member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; re-elected in 1994
1 June 1990- 30 April 1993	Vice-rector of the Christian-Albrechts-Universitat at Kiel
August/ September 1990	Visiting professor at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Law School
1 October 1990- 30 September 1996	Faculty adviser to the graduate programme in Business Administration and Innovation, Kiel
Since 1 January 1992	Faculty adviser to the graduate programme in National and International Environmental Law, Kiel
Since 30 June 1992	Member of the Senate of the German Research Foundation; re-elected in 1995
Since 1 May 1993	Director of the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg
September/ October 1993	Visiting professor at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Law School
Since 1 January 1994	Executive head of the United Nations Association for Germany
Since 1 March 1994	Member of the Council of the German ILA (International Law Association) Section
Since 1 September 1994	Member of the Executive Board of the Law of the Sea Institute at the University of Hawaii
Since 15 November 1995	Member of the Executive Board of the "Stiftung für marine Geowissen-schaften" (Foundation for Marine Geosciences) (GEOMAR)
Since 26 June 1996	Vice-President of the German Research Foundation
Since 1 August 1996	Judge at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

Since 5 October 1996	Vice-President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
Since 20 March 1997	Member of the Council of the "Deutsche Gesellschaft für Völkerrecht" (German Society for International Law)

Author of a large number of books and articles published in German and English, a list of which is available for consultation in the files of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.